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In re Application of:)
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6-9, 16, 17 and 19 to read as follows. A marked-up
copy of Claims 6, 9, 16, 17 and 19, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

6. (Amended) The virus vector according to claim 5, wherein the ligand is
selected from the group consisting of α -MSH, β -MSH, γ -MSH and derivatives thereof.

7. (Amended) The virus vector according to claim 6, wherein the virus is
selected from the group consisting of the family *Adenoviridae*, the family *Retroviridae*, the
family *Parvoviridae*, the family *Herpesviridae*, the family *Poxviridae*, the family
Papovaviridae, the family *Hepadnaviridae*, the family *Togaviridae*, the family